## IRELAND AND AMERICA

The Coming Contest on the Field of Clontarf.

History of the Ritle Shooting Bivalry Between the Two Nations.

## WHO WILL BE VICTOR?

In the month of July, 1873, the Irish "team," shooting at Wimoledon against the representatives of the best skill with the rifle of England and Scotiand, won the Eicho Chailenge Smeld-a prize which was founded by Lord Eicho in 1862. The event was novel, and it bewildered the riflemen of Great Britain, while it exhibitated all Irishmen. The success of the Irish "team?" was greater than had ever before been procured at the Wimbledon butts. They represented two shooting clubs of a country in which the use of the rifle is unknown to more than nine-tenths of the population; they beat marksmen picked from among thousands of English and Scotch volunteers, all familiar with their weapon, and they made a score such as had been exceeded but once before at Wimbledon. It was but natural for them to be proud and sothusiastic, and it was but natural for the entire Irish nation to be proud and enthusiastic for them. In the years that Irishmen had been allowed to shoot at Wimbledon they had won second places in four contests. It and been some pleasure to beat the representatives of either section of the British nation; but the fulness of joy inundated the heart and mind of Ireland when her marksmen showed their ability above all the British riflemen. The successful members of the Dublin and Belfast Rifle clubs determined to cherish that skill which they and proven themselves to possess and to test it in A CONTEST WITH NEW ADVERSARIES.

They turned to this country to find the latter. it is a fact that they were not sanguine of winning over our riflemen. They knew that there were thousands of men and some women in this country skilled in the use of the ride, and they considered that in a great congregation of persons used to a weapon there must be many adepts. Hence they did not build their hopes high, but only based them upon a sturdy determination to do their best shooting if they came here. In estimating the chances of their beating our marksmen the brishmen paid no regard to the difference between "outs" shooting and that "snap" shooting in which so many Southern men and Western-ers are proficient. Otherwise they would have of the Irish "team" are as follows: felt more confident of obtaining success here than they did seel at the time they issued their challenge. The first intimation which the riflemen of America received of the wish of the Irishmen to shoot a match with them was from the HERALD of November 22, 1873. As the foreign marksmen did not know of the existence of regular rifle clubs in this country, they sent their challenge to our riflemen through the editor and proprietor of this lournal. The following is a copy of the documents which were sent hither by Major Arthur B. Leech, on behalf of his countrymen, in November, 1873:-

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THE CHALLENGE.

DUBLIN, Oct. 31, 1873.

JANES GORDON BENNET, Esq., New York:—

SIR—In matters of enterprise your usine occurs to me before any in America as most likely to bring to a successful issue au international rufe match, which i beg to propose between Ireland and America. At the great rufe meeting held anunally at Wimbledon, a team of right Irishmen, sheoting with Irish made ruftes, this year beat the bicked eights of england and Scotland. As the great American nation long enjoyed a world-wide requisition for skill in rule shooting, it occurs to me that the nuclosed challenge from Irish ruftemen (how the champions of Great Britain would be accepted, and, it so, a team would be organized to visit the United States in the autumn of 1874. I enclose an account of the match at Wimbledon and of the proceedings on the recoption of the irish each in Dublin. I have the honor to remain your raitful servant.

CHALLENGE TO THE RULLENGE OF ARRICLA FROM THE RIFLE-OH.

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MY. A. Bennerhassett Leech, founder in 1867 of the frish Rifle Association, will select from the members a lean which he will match against an equal number of the representative American ruffe snots, to shoot in the Cunted States in the autumn of 1874, on the following conditions:—

Targets, scotling, &c. same as adopted by the National

United States in the autumn of 1874, on the following constitions:—
Targets, scoting, &c., same as adopted by the National Riffe Association of Great Hilliam at Wimbledon, 1874 (when the Irish eight won the international match for the Stello Shield bearing England and socialand.
Hanges—850, 950, 1,800 and 1,800 yards.
Hidss—Any not exceeding the social weight, but without telescope sights or hair triggers.
Position—Any, but in artificial real permitted, either for the rife or person of the shooter.
The American team to be composed exclusively of rifeened norm in the United States, and to shoot with rifes of American sanutacture.
The Irish team will shoot with rifes by Righy, of Dublin.
As this challenge is given to decide the title to the rifle championship of the world. Mr. Leech will lequire a sufficient stake to be put down not only the sake of a rifling becoming paths. But as a sufficient stake to be put down not only the sake of a rifling becoming paths. But as a presentative shots of the Mr. Leech dairs sto draw the attention of the American Mr. Leech dairs so down.

Mr. Leech deaires to draw the attention of the Ameri-nan people to the fact that the issued Great British forbid the formation in ireland of rifle corps similar to those which exist to great numbers in angland and bootland, and that any saill accurred by Irishment in rifle shooting is the result of maissidual exercion under difficulties arising from discouraging legislation. This communication remained almost unnoticed

until the middle of December, when the Executive Committee of the Amateur Rife Club met in this city. It was brought before that body, which, in the absence of any other properly formed association, ordered it to be answered in such a way as would indicate a desire on the part of the Americans to compete with the Irish marksmen. The following letter was accordingly sent from here to Duolin :--

THE RESPONSE.

THE ANATHER ELEMANCE CLUS, 
NO. 191 PROGRESS IN NEW YORK, Dec. 20, 1873.

A. BLEYSKINGSONT Levent, 18pp.:

DEAR SIN-YOUT Chellenge to American riflement, published in the New York Hundard, baving been brought before the Executive Committee. I have been requested to address you as to the particulars of the proposed march, with the view to accepting your challenge if satisfactory arrangements can be made. The main tiems of your letter are entistately. The range of the National Eitle Association at Greedmoof is, however, timiled to 1,007 years, and any match would therefore have to be confined to distances not over that limit rease forom me as to the deposit you colerred towinther it is to be a stake to go in the winners, or as sample, that the match will be carried out—and what amount is desired. From the high reputation of your ream we are not very sangular of success. We will, however, do our best to win, and if we cannot assure memor displayms any very extraordmary markou and high we can guarantee them a cordinal and hospitable recognition. Trusting to hear from you I remain yours, respectfully.

President Amaicur Buse Cleb and Socrelary National Hills Association.

F. S.—Our men will, I presume, shoot with either Rem. THE RESPONSE.

P. s.—Our men will, I presume, shoot with either Rem-ington or Sharp's breech loaders. ington or Sharp's breechloaders.
In the last days of January, 1874, a reply to the
above printed letter was received from Major
Leech by General Wingate. The following is a

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THE REPLY.

LEASH RIFLE ASSOCIATION, A DEMAN, No. 110 GENATION STREET, DEMAN AND THE CO-operating with me, and i am authorized to say must a formal programme on the base of a challenge aiready before you of the proposed international rifle match will be shortly prepared, which is will be inspot to submit tor approval of your association. In deference to your susgestion, I will, if possible, waive the 1,00 yards range, although to do so will, if ear, detract somewhat from the great interest of the match. When i addressed one challenge to the American nation, through the owners, the your and a National little association, which you will please accept as my apology for not having addressed in the first instance. I am authorized to say that my ricense are highly gratified at the factoring terms we will are highly gratified at the factoring terms which you write. I have always considered that we will have an agreeable opportunity of improving the adjustment, the security of the processing the adjustment, if not securing the irreducing, if these will have an agreeable opportunity of improving the adjustment, if not securing the irreducing, if the we will have an agreeable opportunity. Progracept my thanks for your couries.

I have the honor to remain, your vory faithin, General we will also a sociation of america, No. 198 Broadway, New York.

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approved by the Amateur Rine Association here,
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THE TERMS OF THE CONTEST

Were quite simple. The targets and scoring were to be in accordance with the rules of the National Rice Assectshow—viz. targets, each 6 feet high by 12 wide, having a bluck "buil's eye" 3 feet square, bounded by the "centre" 6 feet square, the remainder of the colects being the "uter"—the "buil's sye" to count for points, the "centre" three and the "outer"—(4 vith reference to rifes, toe terms were the "Admericans must shoot with american matches and the lines with weapons manufactured 1862s Right & Ce, of Dubin; that the ward of the paid of sact rigger be less than three products and the supplied some state trigger be less than three products and the paid of some paid to the sact rigger be less than three products and any single except telescop and aby single of such as conceal the face of magnifying, or your the danger say day position for arising the specified of the products and prevent the danger say day from being seen.

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Total. Side It will be seen that the Americans won by three points. They who argue upon the result of the contest may use "if" as many times as they can load their speech with the word, and yet will be able to prove nothing against the propriety of that end. If Lieutenant Fulton had not made his wonderful score, his lack might have been supplied by better shooting by his supporters; if his, winner had fire at the right target histeau of the wrong, be might only have made an "outer," and thus his "team" would have instead on outer," and thus his "team" would have lost by one point. It is folly to say "if," for the word may be used to prove both sides of one question. It is better to accept results as they come, and afterward work to offset them. The rishmen who came here and lost did this. They accepted the fact that they had lost, and challenged another trial of skill between the representatives of the two nations. tween the representatives of the two nations.

had lost, and challenged another trial of skill between the representatives of the two nations. They issued their second challenge immediately after the Creedmoor meeting, and it was very soon accepted by the National kine Association and the Amateur Rifle Club for the marksmen of this country. A great deal of correspondence passed between Major Leech, the Captain of the Irish team, and the two rifle organizations of this city; but it was not until Agril that active preparations for the contest of June 29 in Irishand were began. On the 3d of April the Amateur Rifle Club Issued an address to the riflemen of America, in which it rehearsed the terms of the contest and the rules which had been made with reference to selection of members of the American team. To a great number of persons the latter were not satisfactory. They allowed the members of the team of last year to stand upon the record they had then achieved, and hence the following members of lost year's team elected to stand upon the following scores which they made in the international contest and the Bennett maten:

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can team, which occurred in April and May, Mr.
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place, which was made vacant by Mr. Hepogra's
Withdrawai, and Messra, R. C. Carpenter, Leslie
C. Bruce and L. M. Ballard proved taemselves to
be worthy to occupy the last three places in the
party. The Americans will therefore take nine
men to freland, of whom either eight or six will
shoot in the contest, as may be determined "on
the other side of the water." In April last Major
Leech advised our rifle organizations of a desire
in Ireland that the targets to be used in
the coming contest should not be square,
as they were last year, but of
the same description as those which
are now in use at Wimbledon, that is, having oir-
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"outers." Although our representatives declined
to shoot except at the old kind of targets, the
Irishmen have sedulously practised upon the new
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THE AMERICAN TEAM'S PRACTICE. The tables which are given below com-prine a complete resume of the practice carried on by the American team this year at Creedmoor. The general average of each man will be found at the end of the four competitions for places on the team, and also at the foot of the eleven practice meetings which were had since the team has been formed. From these figures each man's place is found with unerring cerranty, and will be seen at a glance by consulting the list of averages:—
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	May 21—seventh practice	54	41-155
	May 25-Nigth practice	48	64-166
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April 30—Second competition. 42 38 36—116
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3. General T. S. Dakin
4. Colonel H. A. Gildersiseve
5. G. W. Yale
6. A. V. Canfield, Jr.
7. R. C. Coloman
8. I. C. Bruce
9. J. M. Sallard It is both curious and instructive to compare the general averages given above vith those of the results of the four matches lest year, upon which the members of the old team, were allowed to stand. The practice this spring, as compared with that of last fail, show a lamentable deficiency against our Creedmoor crack as as. It must not be forgotten, however, that the splendid averages of last year's matches, which are given below, were of the most brilliant retails yet shown by our long-range riflemen.

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1. H. Fulton (Four Matchess)
2 John Boline 155 5. H. A. Gitgersleeve 1513 4. T. S. Dakin 14656
6 L. L. Heuburn
From the data and, records that are given above it will be seen that, whatever the cause may be, the average shocking of the American team of 1875 is very lar ar fort of that of 1874.

THE INTEP NATIONAL RIFLE MATCH

MEETING YI STERDAY OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BIFLE ASSOCIATION AND THE & MATEUR BIFLE CLUB.

The Joint Committee of the National Rifle Assoclatic a and the Amsteur Ride Club met yesterday afte moon, at four o'clock, in the offices of the fir a named organization, No. 93 Nassau street. T'se following named members of the committee 'sere present:-Generals Shaler and McMahon,

Very truly yours.

Very truly yours.

ALEXANDER SHALE S, Major General, &c.

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MAYOR HUNTER'S LUTTER.

MAYOR's OFFICE, CITY HALL, 
E20 OKLYN, June 2, 1875.

COLONKL-Your very cordial state of the 27th ult. inviting me to accompany the Tentlemen who are to represent this country in the second international rifle
match between ireland assistance, to take place near
publin on the 29th inst. asaid to be present at the match,
has been received. Fleass oxpress my warmest thanks
for the compliment, thus or id me, and my best wishes
for the success of the American team in their friendly
contest.

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It would afford me unif ligned pleasure to accompany you and be present at us a match but my official duties are such that I carrons of anstently absent myself thereform.

With great respect, M our obedient severant.

J. W. HUNTER, Mayor.

Colonel B. A. Gillow asimmer, Captain American Team.

The following cor imunication was received from Major Leech, Capv ain of the Irian team;-

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MAJO R LEECH'S LETTER.

MORRISON'S HOTEL,

DURLIN, MAY 22, 1975.

My Dear Colons all—I have this day received a letter
from our mutual; riend Wingaie to say that you are the
Captain of the Moreioan team; no unworthy successor,
permit me to S, 10 as good a man as I ever had the
hours and great pleasure of boing associated with.

My letter to T ingage I send enclosed a copy of for you.
The complime tary entertainments referred to are such
as men in trus ling may accept; even the college ban
quiet dinbert party. The decision in Walter banks
was quitted ha and with response I related, as a matter of
fact, will T are represented here on the 19th including Belfact.

fact, wall I crepresented zero on the 29th including Seirays.

I do not expect to please everybody, even in Ireland;
but as 1.7 m doing all that I believe to be correct, and as
my acts: 'rea donted by the country whose guests you
and you'ream are, 'rather helieve that I have every
reason' to be satisfied.

I will be most habpy and delighted to receive your
ordiss', greeting at Queenstown. Some of us will come
out in the tender to receive you.

ABTHUR B. LEKCH.

The following hat of additional subscriptions to

The came tund were reported:—Messrs. E. Rem-

the team fund were reported :-- Messrs. E. Remwo gton & Sons, \$500, with a promise of more if eeded; Sharp's Company, \$500, with authority for the team to draw double if it should be required; Alderman J. Van Schaick, \$100; Mr. Salomon, \$25; the officers of the Third cavalry (N. G.), \$50; H. V. W. Tucker, \$25; Bradley Martine, \$10; F. W. Hofele, \$5; General C. C. Dodge, \$50; some members of the seventy-ninth regiment (N. G.), \$30; O. S. Borert, \$6, and J. S. Swan, \$5. General McMabon, the Treasurer, reported that \$6,682 had been turned over to Colonel Gildersieeve, Captain of the team; that about \$1,200 are yet due on sums subscribed; thus making the total amount collected foot up to a little over \$8,000.

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## THE CALEDONIAN CLUB.

At a meeting of the New York Caledonian Club the loslowing gentlemen were elected delegates to the sixth annual meeting of the North American United Caledonian Association, to be held in Toronto, July 21: Mesara, J. Craig. J. S. Dingwall, JUL R. A. Gods, R. Hamilton, G. G. Nisholson, A.

PROSPECT PARK FAIR GROUNDS.

Last Day of the Spring Trotting Meeting.

THREE INTERESTING RACES.

J. G. Blaine, Amy and Frank) J. the Winners.

The spring meeting at the Prospect Park Fair Grounds closed yesterday with some very fine troiting. The postponed trot of Thursday was the first-event on the card, and this was won handity by J. G. Blaine. Then there was a trot between 2:34 horses, which was won by M. Carroll's bay Brare Amy. This was followed by a contest between 2:29 horses, and it was won by Mr. Bochelor's norse Frank J. The track was good and the weather very fine. The following are the details:-

THE POSTPONED TROT OF THURSDAY.

PROSPECT PARK FAIR GROUNDS—SPRING MEETS.
ING—THIRD AND FOURTH DAYS, June 3 and 4.—Purse \$1,000, for horses that have never beaten 2:40; \$600 to the first, \$300 to the second and \$100 to the third horse; mile heats, best tares in five, in harness.

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R. G. Slater's b. g. Carrolton 9 7 4 4 5 ro
F. J. Nodine's b. m. Volunteer TME. Half.

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The following named members of the committees were present:—Generals Shaler and McMahanon. Coionel Gidersleeve, Major Falton, Captain Casey and Messrs. Allord and Bruce. General Shaler was chosen to fill the chair, in absence of Coioneld Wingate, the chair, in absence of Coioneld Wingate, the chair, in absence of Coioneld Wingate, the chair, in absence of Coioneld And Storetary.

Colonel Gidersleeve showed to the meeting a large, be auditul and chastely designed gold medal, the gift; of Mr. George Wilkes, which was intrusted to the American team, and intended as a present to the winning men in the approaching international rinde match, or to be shot for afterward, at the option of the Americans. This beautiful tribute to skill in marksmanship was accompanded by an appropriate letter addressed to the Captain of the American team:

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tenth, Matt Tabuer elevents, Honest Mack twelfth and Rosa Sonders thereenth, Second Heat.—Amy the favorite at 100 to 40 over the field. Amy the favorite at 100 to 40 over the field. Amy was away first, closely followed by Hannas D., Honest Barry third, Matt Tauner fourth, Free Tyler fifter, the others in a bunch. At the quarter pole, which was passed in 373, seconds, Amy led one length, Hannah D. 200 ond. Free Tyler three Die, which was passed in 1875, seconds, Amy led one length, Hannah D. 200 ond. Free Tyler three Die, which was passed in 1811/4, Amy led two lengths, the others hidden in the dust. At the fail. Mile pole, which was passed in 1811/4, Amy led two lengths, Hannah D. second, three lengths ahead of Honest Harry. Dan Bryant fourth, Ned Forrest fith, Linnie Case seventh, Houest Mack eighth. Amy opened the gap on the lower stretch and trotting on steadily won the heat by six lengths, Hannah D. Second. Honest Harry third, Ned Forrest lourth, Fred Tyler fifth, Hosa Sonberg sixth, Dan Bryant seventh, Lady Woods eighth, Lady Watthan winth, Fauline tenth, Matt Tanner eleventh, Linnie Case twelth, Honest Mack distanced. Time, 2:26%.

Third Heat—Amy the favorite at 100 to 15. Hannah D. was first away, Amy second, Fred Tyler third, Rosa Sonberg fourth, Honest Harry fifth, the others wrapped in a fog of dust. At the quarter noise, which was passed in 36% seconds, Amyled, Dan Bryant second, Hannah D. Linid, Honest Harry fourth, Fred Tyler fifth, Linnie Case twelth, Lady Woods ninth, Lady Watthan tenth, Rosa Sonberg eleventh. At the hall-mile pole Amyled six lengths in 1:22 the others as given above. Amy kept in front to the end, winning the heat by half a dozen lengths in 2:25%. Honest Harry second, Dan Bryant third, Ned Forrest fourth, Hannah D. Hith, Fred Tyler sixuh, Linnie Case seventh, Lady Woods ninth, Lady Watthan eighth, Matt Tanner innth, Panine tenth. Rosa Sonberg eleventh. Lady woods distanced. Honest Harry second money and Hannah D. the third premium.

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the quarter pole in 37% seconds, a length and a haif in front of Arthur, who was a neck in front of Ella Madden, Annie Collins six lengta benind, Ella Madden broke up on the backstretch, and Frank J. led three lengths to the half-mile pole in 1:14. He then came away, and won the heat and race by three lengths, Elia Madden second, half a length in iront of Arthur, Annie Collins distanced. Time of the heat, 2:28. Elia Madden won second money and Arthur third premium.

And this ended the successful spring meeting at Prospect Park Fair Grounds.

## YACHTING NOTES.

The following passed Whitestone yesterday:
Yacht Alarm, N.Y.Y.C., Rear Commodore Kingsland, from New Haven en route for New York.
Yacht Haze, no ciub, Mr. H. A. Mott, from New London for New York.
Yasht Restless, N.Y.C., Mr. Kane, from New London for New York.
Yacht Agnes, A.Y.C., Mr. Smith, from New York for New London. The schooner yacht Gypsie, Mr. Hermann Living-

ston, New York and Brooklyn Yacht clubs, is lying off Carmansville, North River. The Gypsie looks like a new crait, as she has been lengthened lorward and fitted with new masts, rigging and canvas.

The schooner yacht Agnes, Vice Commodore Fish, of the Atlantic Yacht Club, is sailing fast this season. She is lying off the foot of Court street,

South Brooklyn.

The sloop yacht Madcap, built by Albertson, of Philadelphia, for Mr. Busk, was towed through the canal last week, and is now being fitted up off

Jorsey City. The sloop yacht Vixen was built by Mr. Albertson.

The schooner yacht Idler. Mr. S. J. Colgate, New York Yacht Club, was down the Bay on Thursday and sailed like a witch. Her owner is much pleased with the way she goes since her spars were lengthened.

The schooner yacht Madeleine, Commodore John S. Dickerson, of the Brooklyn Yacht Club, is still at Nyack, fitting out. She will be down the Bay in about ten days.

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The sloop yacht Kate has been sold by ex-Commodore Robert Dillon to Mr. Randolph. She will still remain in the Brooklyn Yacht Club.

The sloop yacht Saidee, Rear Commodore M. T. Davidson, Brooklyn Yacht Club, has arrived from Greenboint in perfect trim. She is said to be saling well, and is lying off the foot of Court street.

The annual regarts of the New York Yacht Club will be sailed on Wednesday, June 18, over the regular course.

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The sloop yacht Vision, Mr. J. J. Alexandre, New York Yacht Club, has been in commission some few days. She is looking as saucy as ever, and hes of Stapleton, Staten Island.

Mr. R. H. Huntley's new sloop yacht, built by W. Smith, of Islap, Long Island, was hunched last Tuesday.

The schooner yacht Wanderer, Mr. Stillman, New York Yacht Club, has left Caru's yard at City lisland. Her centreboard has been removed and she is now a keel yacht.

The annual regatta of the Brooklyn Yacht Club will be sailed on June 19, over the regular course. The schooner yacht Comet, Mr. W. H. Langley, New York and Brooklyh Yacht clubs, is salling remarkably well in her new suit of canvas. It is reported that she gives them all the go-by.

Mi. R. W. Holmes' celebrated clipper yacht Playin has been launched from Mr. MacGleaan's yaid at Pamrapo, N. J.

The schooner yacht Clio, Messis. Asten and Bradhurst, is on the ways at Staten Island, fitting out for the geason.

The schooner yacht Ariel, Commodore Swan, Of the Seawanhaka Yacht Club, after undergoing extensive alterations at Northport, has been cellivered to her owner. She has been given a new bow and ber auli has been refastened with locust treenails and galvanized iron.

THE REFORMED CHURCH SYNOD.

UNION OF THE CANADIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES-THE CHARGES AGAINST THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The third day's session of the General Synod of the Reformed Church at Jersey City was opened yesterday with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Chamberlain.

A letter was received from the Rev. John M. Kane, Secretary of the Canada Presbyterian. Church, announcing that the union of the different branches of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, would be effected in two weeks, and that the churches would leel great pleasure if the Synod should send a delegate to their conference.

The question of changing the ritual in regard to the baptismal ceremony was revived by a communication from the Rev. Dr. Vandeveer, asking that the Synod accord him a hearing on the ques-tion of expunging the words "dipping in" from the baptismal form. The request was granted.

The charges made against Dr. Lansing, Secre-

tary of the Board, were then taken up, and Dr. inglis spoke boidly in defence of the Board. Its sphere of usefulness had been seriously impaired, sphere of usefulness had been seriously impaired, not by any mismanagement on the part of the Board, but by unwise interference on the part of the Synod. Disabnesty had been charged against members of the Board, but these charges he indignantly repeited. The charge that the Board did not publish the right books he also empaatically denied. The Hoard courted the broadest inquiry and submitted that it would be a great loss if the Board were allowed to die out. He was satisfied that only a small minority of the Reformed Church were opposed to the Board. They could not comply with the resolution of the Syned requiring taem to curtail the expenditure by the sum of \$2,500, as that meant the dismissal of their Secretary. The Board considered it would be unfaired to dismiss him without warning. Opposition sprang up in many quarters on the alleged ground that the Board were not doling as much as they should do. The address of the Speaker was applicated.

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Rev. Dr. Chambers called the attention of the Synod to the overture from the Classis of New York in reference to the proposed changes in the liturgy, and it was made the special order for Tuesday next. Tue-day next.

After a long debate on the question of adjournment to next week it was finally resoived to hold a half day's session to-day.

THE NEW JERUSALEM.

GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE SWEDENBORGIANS. The General Convention of the "New Jerusalem"

in the United States of America met in session yesterday at the caurch of that denomination to Thirty-fifth street, between Fourth and Lexington avenues. The proceedings were opened with prayer by

the Rev. W. H. Hinckley, Secretary of the Convention, and religious exercises were conducted by Rev. Mr. Pettee, of Massachusetts. The resignation of J. W. Y. Scaman, of Chicago, Vice President, was accepted. A letter from the Rev. Dr. Worcester, of Massachusetts, the President of the Comvention, was read, declining a renomination. The Hon. T. A. Plantz, of Onio, was then chosen tem-